

THE SEWER BOARD OF THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA HELD A MEETING IN THE 3RD FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING, NEW ALBANY, INDIANA ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2006 AT 3:35 P.M.

PRESENT: Vice Chairman Bill Utz, Mark Seabrook, Todd Solomon and Larry Kochert. Chairman Mayor Garner was not present.

OTHERS: Attorney Greg Fifer, Brian Dixon, EMC, and City Clerk Marcey Wisman.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Utz called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

Mr. Kochert moved to approve the minutes of the September 5th meeting as amended, **Mr. Solomon** second, all voted in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC:

Susan Johnson asked if we have seen the consent decree.

Mr. Fifer said no.

Ms. Johnson then asked if we have received any credits yet.

Mr. Fifer stated that they have been requested and explained the information that had to be forwarded to the EPA in order to receive those credits. He was hoping to have an approval within a week or so.

Ms. Johnson asked about the construction at 15th and the railroad.

Mr. Sartell explained that was the water line.

Ms. Johnson presented pictures of Falling Run Creek behind Watco showing where it is being dammed up by fallen trees and stagnated water. She also had a picture of a manhole in the creek.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding manholes along Falling Run Creek.

COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS

Mr. Solomon asked if there were any overflows the other day and what the amount of rain was that fell.

Mr. Sartell stated that there were no overflows and we received .5" per hour on Monday and 1.31" on Tuesday.

Mr. Fifer asked about the bar screen.

Mr. Sartell explained that the bar screen was working very well

Mr. Solomon asked if the 15th street study.

Mr. Dixon stated that he has and he has received two responses.

Mr. Solomon asked if the Chapel Creek Generator was complete.

Mr. Dixon explained that they are still doing some restoration work but it is operational.

Mr. Solomon asked if the bar screen was 100%.

Mr. Sartell stated yes.

Mr. Solomon asked when he would start to supply them with the report on the televised lines.

Mr. Dixon stated that he would start next month.

Mr. Solomon asked Ms. Garry about the green bar report.

Ms. Garry explained that \$353,000.00 is sanitation, \$352,000, \$354,000 and \$340,000 is stormwater drainage, \$356,000 is the sewage works office and \$351,000 is sewers.

Mr. Solomon asked why refunds for stormwater are coming out of sewage.

Ms. Garry stated that she would pull those.

Mr. Solomon had several questions regarding what is coming out of which funds.

Mr. Solomon made a motion to transfer the three stormwater refunds out of the sewage fund over to one of the stormwater funds, Mr. Kochert second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Solomon stated that he thought the \$500,000 for I&I should be listed on page 2 on the Umbaugh under operating disbursement, repairs and maintenance.

Mr. Fifer did not have an answer but will get the answer.

Mr. Solomon asked him if utilities were also assumed to be included in the EMC contract.

Mr. Fifer stated that he assumed they would be.

Mr. Solomon commented that on page 4 it is assumed that a certain amount of funds would be collected and it isn't clear to him how to assure this will happen.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the increased sewer rate and what will be covered and what will happen after the third year without the inflationary increase.

Mr. Solomon discussed issues on page 6 which shows that engineering was not funded and stated that we short changed ourselves.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding what engineering still needs to be done for up-coming projects.

Mr. Solomon proposed that we go ahead and have Mr. Fifer draw up an agreement for a system development fee for the LaFollette line.

Mr. Fifer stated that he didn't have a problem with that but he had questions on how it would be flagged so Kelly would know who is supposed to pay it. He felt that we also needed to look at it to make sure we weren't cutting off our nose to spite our face.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding how to show the system development fee and how it should be charged.

Mr. Solomon made a motion for Clark Deitz and Mr. Fifer to get together to develop system development fees for Robert E. Lee, Basin 4 and Basin 35, Mr. Kochert second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Solomon asked Kelly if there has been a detailed analysis to see if we are saving

money for doing Silver Creek in house.

Mr. Welsh stated that there has not been

Mr. Solomon motioned that Kay get with Kelly and determine which L&D Mailmasters bills should have been paid by out of stormwater, Mr. Kochert second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Solomon asked what the plan was for taking over Indiana American billing.

Ms. Welsh explained that it definitely couldn't be done until they moved their office.

Mr. Kochert commented on the Helvey delinquency list and commended her on what has been done.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the Helvey report.

Mr. Fifer stated that the ones that are applicable, he has no problem filing liens on and after 30 – 60 days starting foreclosures.

Mr. Utz asked if we know that some of the people who have sold their property still live in New Albany, can we go after them.

Mr. Fifer explained that we could.

Mr. Kochert stated that he would like to go after a couple of these vigorously to make a few examples.

SEWER ADJUSTMENTS:

Ms. Welsh presented the following:

Danny Emily, 1411 Beechwood, requested an adjustment in the amount of \$565.76 for a water line break under the house.

Mr. Utz asked if the usage should not be 152 rather than 182 due to the charge off they received.

Ms. Welsh agreed.

Mr. Solomon moved to approve, Mr. Kochert second, all voted in favor.

Ms. Welsh also commended Ms. Haley for the work that she has been doing on the Helvey list. She then went over the lists of customers that received pre-lien letters this month. She also explained a spread sheet she prepared for the Carriage House adjustment that they received from IN-AWC and she believes that they adjusted the sewer as well and feels that it was too large of an adjustment.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #1 - Mike Davis, Hamburg Enterprises, re: hooking onto sewer line on Duffy Lane

Ms. Haley explained that he left because he already has the credits and didn't realize it.

Mr. Fifer explained that he will have to pay two reimbursement fees and he will get the amount to her.

Item #2 - Sam Lahanis, MI2

Mike McKee introduced himself to the board and gave them the background of his business MI2 Systems. He explained that he and Sam want to take a different approach

to managing municipality sewer systems.

Mr. Lahanis went through the three proposals which are on file with the City Clerk's office.

Mr. Solomon asked if they have an ax to grind with EMC since they are former employees.

Mr. McKee stated that they understand that they are a new business and if they don't deliver the service that they are contracted for then they won't be a successful business. He also stated that he and Sam have had a number of years in this type of business and feels that their clients will be extremely happy with their service.

Mr. Solomon expressed that he is in favor of utility management.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding what they propose to do for the utility and what the board would expect from them.

Mr. Solomon stated that he believes that Chas Hunter could handle a lot of the issue addressed in the drainage proposal.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the drainage department.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item #1 - Jason Copperwaite, Primavera & Assoc., re: Vincennes Place

Mr. Copperwaite addressed the board regarding Vincennes Place and connecting a lift station to the Lafollette Station Line. He reported that they have met with EMC and gone through several scenarios and came up with a plan that would work. He explained that they felt that the lift station connecting to the existing mains would be the best location in the long run to put the pressure switch provided that they provide six hours of extra detention time above the alarm flow. He said that would give EMC enough time to respond to the alarm, diagnose the problem and return to the city with additional equipment.

Mr. Dixon explained that one of their concerns was with the maintenance of the switch. He explained how they could install a valve faultier that would have the capabilities of turning flow from one force main to the other. He felt that this is a solution that will work.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the pressure switch and how it operates and the possible need for an aerator in the wet well.

Mr. Solomon proposed that they write a detailed plan and give to Clark Dietz to look over and set a standard for the future.

Mr. Fifer asked about our current standard spec for lift stations.

Mr. Dixon stated that we have a standard for lift stations to a gravity line and that it wouldn't hurt to have a standard spec for this scenario.

Mr. Fifer asked what their next step is before they can get started.

Mr. Copperwaite stated that they need approval of this before they can get their construction permit from IDEM.

Mr. Fifer asked if the board gave them a preliminary approval so that they can get their construction permit, would they be willing to come back and modify and not build until the board approves the final plan.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding rather or not a preliminary approval

would work.

Mr. Solomon made a motion to approve the preliminary proposal subject to review by Clark Dietz and subject to the developer implementing any changes that Clark Dietz recommends and subject to the developer stipulating to those conditions, Mr. Kochert second, all voted in favor.

Item #2 - Donohue re: up-date on Mini Master Plan and Basin 35-40 Capacity Analysis project.

Paul Elling, Donohue, presented drawings for the Mini Master plan and discussed the capacity analysis and gave a general overview. He stated that the written report should be ready by the beginning of December. He then went through and explained the graphs that he had presented which are on file with the City Clerk's office. He went on to explain the work being done on the Master plan and discussed the map and chart of current and future flows which is on file with the City Clerk's office.

Mr. Utz asked how far out they figured the future flow.

Mr. Elling explained it was typically 20 years and went into further detail of the flow.

Item #3 - Clark Dietz re: Projects update

Wes Christmas gave a construction update on the Robert E. Lee Interceptor. He also reported that he has received the permits for Basin 4.

There was a lengthy discussion led by Mr. Tekippe regarding permits, target bidding dates and timelines on several other projects.

Mr. Utz asked if we have gotten all the flow data on basin 4.

Mr. Tekippe stated that they have and they are going to get the information compiled and perhaps use it to receive more credits.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the flow metering that has taken place in Basin 35.

Mr. Solomon asked if they could get a new data sheet on for the Robert E. Line showing what is coming in today and what should be expected.

Mr. Tekippe stated that Wes could put that together.

Mr. Solomon stated that he would like for Hans to show a status report on all projects over \$15,500 even if it is that the project hasn't started yet.

Mr. Tekippe stated that they would update that.

EMC REPORT:

Item #1 - Camera Truck

Mr. Dixon received a call from Frank Dallinadi and informed him that the camera that was purchased will not fit into the mini van even though he said that it would. He gave two scenarios. One being that they would give us a portable camera or he could mount it into a cargo van; he would keep the mini van and we would pay an additional \$10,000. If it was approved today we would have the truck in 2 -3 weeks.

Mr. Solomon stated that he would like to have him ask for \$5,000 less.

Mr. Solomon motioned to approve Mr. Dixon to offer \$5,000 for the addition of the mini van with the ability to negotiate up to \$10,000, Mr. Kochert second, all voted in favor.

Item #2 - Rob Sartel: Tort Claims

Lisa Clark 3417 St. Joseph Road, wants reimbursement for backup in her basement, it was a blockage in the city’s main. She would also like for the city to pay to have a back-flow preventor installed.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the total amount owed and the back flow preventor.

Mr. Solomon made a motion to approve \$6,000 contingent up her installing a back flow preventor, Mr. Kochert second, all voted in favor.

BIDS:

CLAIMS:

Mr. Dixon presented the following claims:

Clark Deitz	\$ 9,400.00
K&E	\$ 2,909.52
Hagman	\$22,905.00

Mr. Kochert moved to approve, Mr. Solomon second, all voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Sewer Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William Utz, Vice Chairman

Marcey J. Wisman, City Clerk